Increase in the number of per capita judges

†2085. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment's attention have been drawn to the news-item titled "Desh ke prati dus lakh logo ke liye 10 Nyaydhish bhi nahi" which appeared in the Dainik Jagran dated 23rd November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme for increasing the number of per capita judge so that public may get early and appropriate justice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 11th Law Commission in its 120th Report, had, inter alia, recommended that the present strength of 10.5 Judges per million population be increased to 50 Judges per million population.

In September, 1999, there were 12.8 Judges per million population in India as per information contained in the Report of the first National Judicial Pay Commission.

Judge strength of the Subordinate Judiciary is determined by the State Governments in consultation with their respective High Courts. The Law Commission's Report had been accordingly, forwarded to all State Governments.

The matter relating to increase in Judge strength has now become sub judice in view of W.P. No. 399/98 alongwith I.A. No. 1 filed in the Supreme Court of India.

But the Government is prima facie of the view that the number of Judges does require to be increased almost at all levels.

Appointment of Notary Public in Punjab

2086. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDRAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of appointment of Notary Public for village Reghapurana, Distt. Moga, Punjab has been completed;

(b) whether Government,s attention has been drawn towerds the acute necessity of a Notary Public in this Tehsil surrounded by a number of villages, if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in accoplishment of the task; and

(c) the present status of the matter and by when the action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The Central Government has taken decision to appoint Shri Inderjit Nohria, Advocate, as Notary to practise in Rhagapurana, Tehsil Reghapurana Distt. Moga, Punjab. The applicant has now to deposit the requisite fee for which necessary intimation has been sent to the applicant. On deposit of the requisite fee by the applicant, the Certificate of practice will be issued to him.

Recommendations of the National Judicial Pay Commission

2087. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Judicial Pay Commission has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the major recommendations of commission; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to introduce uniform policy for method of recruitment and retirement age of judicial officers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations of the First National Judicial Pay Commission relate to amalgamation of multiple cadres in judicial service into three uniform cadres, independent cadre-wise pay scales, pay scales of judicial officers to be linked with the pay of High Court Judges, joint responsibility of the Centre and the States in expenditure on administration of justice in the States, increase in the retirement age, other fringe benefits, constitution of All India Judicial Service etc.